GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6026
ANSWERED ON:05.05.2003
LINKING OF RIVERS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of river-linking project in the country;

(b) whether areas have since been indentified for the inter-linking;

(c) if so, the manner in which the rivers are proposed to be inter-linked; and

(d) the targets being fixed, both fiscal and monitory?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b): National Perspective Plan for transferringwater from water surplus basins to water deficit areas was prepared in 1980. National Water Development Agency (NWDA) was establishedin 1982 as an autonomous society to carryout water balance and other studies and prepare feasibility reports. NWDA has identified30 links under the National Perspective Plan for preparation ofthe feasibility reports. The list of such links is attached at Annex I. NWDA has prepared feasibility report of 8 links. The listof such links is attached at Annex II.

(c): The interlinking of rivers involve construction of canal between the rivers which are intended to be inter-linked. Besides, construction of storage / diversion structures on the river at the head and outfall of the canal as well as construction of head regulators, cross regulators and cross drainage works along the alignment of the canal is also involved.

(d): The Central Government has drawn up Milestone Dates/Time Table for various activities relating to interlinking of rivers as follows:-

1. Completion of Feasibility Studies by 31.12.2005

2. Completion of Detailed Project Reports. by 31.12.2006

3. Implementation of the Project (10 years) by 31.12.2016

ANNEX-IREFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF THEUNSTARRED QUESTIONNO.6026 TO BE ANSWERED ON 5.5.2003 IN LOK SABHA REGARDING LINKING OF RIVERS.

LIST OF WATER TRANSFER LINKS IDENTIFIED FOR PREPARATION OF FEASIBILITY REPORT BY NWDA

Peninsular Rivers Development Component

1. Mahanadi (Manibhadra) - Godavari (Dowlaiswaram) link

2. Godavari (Polavaram) - Krishna (Vijayawada) link

3. Godavari (Inchampalli Low Dam) - Krishna (Nagarjunasagar Tail Pond)link

4. Godavari (Inchampalli) - Krishna (Nagarjunasagar) link

5. Krishna (Nagarjunasagar) - Pennar (Somasila) link
6. Krishna (Srisailam) - Pennar link

7 Krishna (Almatti) - Pennar link

8. Pennar (Somasila) - Cauvery (Grand Anicut) link

9. Cauvery (Kattalai) - Vaigai (Gundar) link
10. Parbati -Kalisindh Chambal link
11. Damanganga – Pinjal link
12. Par-Tapi-Narmada link
13. Ken-Betwa link
14. Pamba - Achankovil - Vaippar link
15. Netravati - Hemavati Link
16. Bedti - Varda link

Himalayan Rivers Development Component

1. Kosi-Mechi link

2. Kosi-Ghaghra link

3. Gandak-Ganga link

4. Ghaghra-Yamuna link

5. Sarda-Yamuna link
6. Yamuna-Rajasthan link

7 Rajasthan-Sabarmati link

8. Chunar-Sone Barrage link

9. Sone Dam - Southern Tributaries of Ganga link
10. Brahmaputra-Ganga link (Manas-Sankosh-Tista-Ganga)
11. Brahmaputra-Ganga link(Jogighopa-Tista-Farakka)
12. Farakka-Sunderbans link#
13. Ganga-Damodar-Subernarekha link
14. Subernarekha-Mahanadi link

Survey and Investigation to be done by Government of West Bengal

ANNEX II REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6026 TO BE ANSWWERE ON 5.5.2003 IN LOK SABHA REGARDING LINKING OF RIVERS.

LIST OF THE LINKS WITH FEASIBILITY REPORTS COMPLETED

A. PENINSULAR COMPONENT

1. Ken-Betwa link

2. Par-Tapi-Narmada link

3. Pamba-Achankovil-Vaippar link

4. Godavari (Polavaram)-Krishna (Vijayawada) link

5. Krishna (Srisailam)-Pennar link
6. Krishna (Nagarjunsagar)-Pennar (Somsila) link

7 Daman ganga-Pinjal link

B. HIMALAYAN COMPONENT

1. Sarda-Yamuna link